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**Michele Shalaby, Chair  
Nathaniel H. Yohalem  
Tara B. White  
Board of Selectmen**

**Amended  
Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, December 14, 2015  
11 a.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Michele Shalaby, Chair  
Nathaniel Yohalem  
Tara B. White

**Others Present:** Mari Enoch, Town Administrator  
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary

**The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 11 a.m. The minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting, as amended.**

**ABCC Hearing**

The ABCC hearing has been postponed to Monday, December 28, 2015 at 10 a.m.

**Community Compact Agreement**

Selectman, Tara White, will attend the Community Compact signing to be held in Great Barrington on Tuesday, December 22 at 1:30 p.m.

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to authorize Tara White to sign the Community Compact Agreement with the Baker/Polito Administration for regionalization/shared services.**

**Treasurer Contract**

Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, advised the Board that the contract for \$11,000 with Baystate Municipal Accounting Group includes all off-site visits to the Town, and would terminate July 31, 2016.

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to authorize Mari Enoch to execute the contract with Baystate Municipal Accounting Group (Tara White recused herself from this vote) for Treasurer services for \$11,000 on through July 31, 2016.**

### **School Committee Meeting**

Michele Shalaby reported on the School Committee meeting she attended on December 9. The School Committee passed a series of motions that, in effect, put into place the intentions of the five town Memorandum of Understanding.

### **Rt. 57**

After attending a meeting December 9, Selectman, Tara White presented a consolidated letter from all five towns that was prepared by Tolland. It was agreed that New Marlborough's preference is to have the State take over all aspects of construction and maintenance on Rt. 57 and would like the letter to reflect this. Comments for this consolidated letter are due January 20 at the meeting in Tolland at 6:30 p.m. Tara White will respond with remarks agreed upon by the Board of Selectmen. Meeting attendees will also contact their State legislators to determine a date to meet with them in January.

### **Town Administrator Updates**

The MBI meeting scheduled in Great Barrington has been moved to Worthington for December 16, 2015 from 2-4 p.m. Michele Shalaby will attend.

The Berkshire Regional Assistance Grant applications (District Local Technical Assistance) are due this week. New Marlborough is seeking assistance to develop a method for Towns to provide benefits to shared employees, i.e. the Animal Control Officer shared with W. Stockbridge and five other towns.

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to authorize Michele Shalaby to sign the application for the DLTA grant for regional services applied for by the Town Administrator (Michele recused herself from this vote).**

Two candidates were interviewed for the open highway position by the Highway Superintendent and Town Administrator. Charles Loring recommends Peter Wilson for the full time position. It was noted that Peter Wilson has a special skill set which merited a \$19.00/hour salary.

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to offer the position of highway laborer to Peter Wilson at \$19.00 per hour with benefits, effective December 14, 2015.**

### **Selectmen's Updates**

The Planning Board would like to apply for two District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Grants, from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission – the first, under the category Planning Ahead for Housing is to conduct a comprehensive housing assessment. The second, under the category Planning Ahead for Growth is to update the New Marlborough Open Space and Recreation Plan.

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to authorize Michele to sign the applications for two DLTAs grants applied for by the Planning Board.**

Michele advised that she has a contract for a grant for the Council on Aging for \$4500.00

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to authorize Michele to sign the contract for the Council on Aging.**

Nat announced that he would like to acknowledge Gedney Farm as a “good neighbor” for sponsoring dinner for Town employees and volunteers. The Town Administrator will send a “good neighbor” letter thanking Gedney Farm.

**Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck  
Administrative Secretary